3/16/70

Dear Paul and Gary,

I will be copying Rhoads' letter of 3/12, telling you what is of interest in the enclosures (as you can see, they padded the mail out of my order), and my initial reply is enclosed.

At some point, if we is not under archives orders, someone there ought to begin worrying about what Johnson is up to. I have them dead to rights on Ferrie (I wish I knew where I had my NYTimes clipping on this filed!) and on the 399 picture.

If what he sent me as the Burkley file is supposed to be, it cannot be, but CE 1135 is interesting. I read it. It consists of the following statements from CE3: Berger, Stout, Kellerman 11/29 and 30, Landis, Hill, Lawson, the manifest for AF 1; and CD5:5-10, 150-1. I had the CD 5 stuff and have had it since the summer of 1966, and I read the CD 3 stuff then. However, this may mean to me now what it could not have then. All I've had a chance to read is CE1120, Burkley's edited, very carefully selected, account of events. Despite the great care to leave everything out, he couldn't. What I may do, if I go to DC this week, is make copies for both of you, Bud willing.

It is interesting that he sends me the copy of the December letter Kelley wrote him, including a copy of mine to Kelley, the one that prod the original or original copy of the WCU TV footage (I wrote you both about this), but nothing about the new stuff. Is it possible Kelley is taking this long? Or does Moore figure this stuff must age at least three months?

And the 101 pages he sent uses up over $13.00? I wish I had time to keep track of how they spend my money!

There is something I do not want you to miss: at Parkland, Burkley stood at the head and looked at it.

The Shaw material I sent you long ago. The two Ferrie pages are on his Texas trip, used in O in NO. The extra pages of CE1120 are Garcia's speech to the La. Press Assn, sickening propaganda only. (It will be interesting to see if he credits me for what he duplicated and that I didn't order.)

There is another duplicate he sent, on O'Sullivan, Ely's 3/30/64 memo, to Jenner and Liebeler on "Selected N.O. witnesses". I note something I didn't before, on page 3: "Maury Goodman -- a folder for whom I have included -- now resides in Missouri". Does either of you know of him? If not, perhaps Paul could ask for it. Or do you want me to examine it when I am there?

He also told me they have none of the materials of either doctors' panel reviewing the pix and Xrays.

Also, I wonder why they told me they have pictures of CE394 (shirt, I think) they show but do not copy. That is really way out! He reaffirms there is but one nick in the tie, but ignores my protest there is no side view and the existing picture is meaningless. The nick is at the left top (as worn) and believe me, could not possibly have been caused by the smallest bullet made and one four to five times greater on one dimension than in the one at right angles to it. It is obvious that everyone had to know this could not have been caused by a bullet. And can they allege a fragment? It had to have been a scalpel, as I concluded long ago. I believe I wrote you both about this.

Best regards,